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Title: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM OF  
SEARCHING FOR CLUSTERING FAULTS IN SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 47 pages, including 11 independent claims and 22 claims total.
2. Drawings - 24 sheets of formal drawings containing 33 figures.
3. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with document attached.

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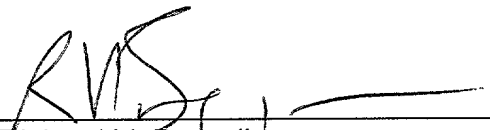
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